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[Report No. 108–270]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 30 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 29), 2003

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. ALEXANDER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

MAY 20, 2004

Reported by Mr. DOMENICI, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Manhattan Project Na-
3 tional Historical Park Study Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) the Manhattan Project, the World War II
7 effort to develop and construct the world’s first
8 atomic bomb, represents an extraordinary era of
9 American and world history that—

10 (A) included remarkable achievements in
11 science and engineering made possible by inno-
12 vative partnerships among Federal agencies,
13 universities, and private industries; and

14 (B) culminated in a transformation of the
15 global society by ushering in the atomic age;

16 (2) the Manhattan Project was an unprece-
17 dented \$2,200,000,000, 3-year, top-secret effort that
18 employed approximately 130,000 men and women at
19 its peak;

20 (3) the Manhattan Project sites contain historie
21 resources that are crucial for the interpretation of
22 the Manhattan Project, including facilities in—

23 (A) Oak Ridge, Tennessee (where the first
24 uranium enrichment facilities and pilot-scale
25 nuclear reactor were built);

1 (B) Hanford, Washington (where the first
2 large-scale reactor for producing plutonium was
3 built);

4 (C) Los Alamos, New Mexico (where the
5 atomic bombs were designed and built); and

6 (D) Trinity Site, New Mexico (where the
7 explosion of the first nuclear device took place);

8 (4) the Secretary of the Interior has recognized
9 the national significance in American history of
10 Manhattan Project facilities in the study area by—

11 (A) designating the Los Alamos Scientific
12 Laboratory in the State of New Mexico as a
13 National Historic Landmark in 1965 and add-
14 ing the Laboratory to the National Register of
15 Historic Places in 1966;

16 (B) designating the Trinity Site on the
17 White Sands Missile Range in the State of New
18 Mexico as a National Historic Landmark in
19 1965 and adding the Site to the National Reg-
20 ister of Historic Places in 1966;

21 (C) designating the X-10 Graphite Reac-
22 tor at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in
23 the State of Tennessee as a National Historic
24 Landmark in 1965 and adding the Reactor to

1 the National Register of Historic Places in
2 1966;

3 (D) adding the Oak Ridge Historic Dis-
4 trict to the National Register of Historic Places
5 in 1991;

6 (E) adding the B Reactor at the Hanford
7 Site in the State of Washington to the National
8 Register of Historic Places in 1992; and

9 (F) by adding the Oak Ridge Turnpike,
10 Bear Creek Road, and Bethel Valley Road
11 Checking Stations in the State of Tennessee to
12 the National Register of Historic Places in
13 1992;

14 (5) the Hanford Site has been nominated by
15 the Richland Operations Office of the Department of
16 Energy and the Washington State Historic Preser-
17 vation Office for addition to the National Register of
18 Historic Places;

19 (6) a panel of experts convened by the Advisory
20 Council on Historic Preservation in 2001 reported
21 that the development and use of the atomic bomb
22 during World War II has been called “the single
23 most significant event of the 20th century” and rec-
24 ommended that various sites be formally established
25 “as a collective unit administered for preservation;

1 commemoration, and public interpretation in co-
 2 operation with the National Park Service”;

3 ~~(7) the Advisory Council on Historic Preserva-~~
 4 ~~tion reported in 2001 that the preservation and in-~~
 5 ~~terpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan~~
 6 ~~Project offer significant value as destinations for do-~~
 7 ~~mestic and international tourists; and~~

8 ~~(8) preservation and interpretation of the Man-~~
 9 ~~hattan Project historic sites are necessary for~~
 10 ~~present and future generations to fully appreciate~~
 11 ~~the extraordinary undertaking and complex con-~~
 12 ~~sequences of the Manhattan Project.~~

13 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

14 In this Act:

15 ~~(1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means~~
 16 ~~the Secretary of the Interior.~~

17 ~~(2) STUDY.—The term “study” means the~~
 18 ~~study authorized by section 4(a).~~

19 ~~(3) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”~~
 20 ~~means the following Manhattan Project sites:~~

21 ~~(A) Los Alamos National Laboratory and~~
 22 ~~townsite in the State of New Mexico.~~

23 ~~(B) The Trinity Site on the White Sands~~
 24 ~~Missile Range in the State of New Mexico.~~

1 (C) The Hanford Site in the State of
2 Washington.

3 (D) Oak Ridge Laboratory in the State of
4 Tennessee.

5 (E) Other significant sites relating to the
6 Manhattan Project determined by the Secretary
7 to be appropriate for inclusion in the study.

8 **SEC. 4. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

9 (a) STUDY.— —

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
11 a special resource study of the study area to assess
12 the national significance, suitability, and feasibility
13 of designating the various historic sites and struc-
14 tures of the study area as a unit of the National
15 Park System in accordance with section 8(e) of Pub-
16 lic Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5(c)).

17 (2) ADMINISTRATION.—In conducting the
18 study, the Secretary shall—

19 (A) consult with the Secretary of Energy,
20 the Secretary of Defense, State, tribal, and
21 local officials, representatives of interested or-
22 ganizations, and members of the public; and

23 (B) evaluate, in coordination with the Sec-
24 retary of Energy and the Secretary of Defense,
25 the compatibility of designating the study area,

1 or 1 or more parts of the study area, as a na-
 2 tional historical park or national historic site
 3 with maintaining security, productivity and
 4 management goals of the Department of En-
 5 ergy and the Department of Defense, and pub-
 6 lic health and safety.

7 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
 8 on which funds are made available to carry out the study,
 9 the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that de-
 10 scribes the findings of the study and any conclusions and
 11 recommendations of the Secretary.

12 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
 14 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

15 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

16 *This Act may be cited as the “Manhattan Project Na-*
 17 *tional Historical Park Study Act”.*

18 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

19 *In this Act:*

20 (1) SECRETARY.—*The term “Secretary” means*
 21 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

22 (2) STUDY.—*The term “study” means the study*
 23 *authorized by section 3(a).*

24 (3) STUDY AREA.—

1 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—The term “study area”
 2 means the historically significant sites associated
 3 with the Manhattan Project.

4 (B) *INCLUSIONS.*—The term “study area”
 5 includes—

6 (i) *Los Alamos National Laboratory*
 7 and townsite in the State of New Mexico;

8 (ii) *the Hanford Site in the State of*
 9 *Washington; and*

10 (iii) *Oak Ridge Reservation in the*
 11 *State of Tennessee.*

12 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

13 (a) *STUDY.*—

14 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary, in consultation
 15 with the Secretary of Energy, shall conduct a special
 16 resource study of the study area to assess the national
 17 significance, suitability, and feasibility of designating
 18 1 or more sites within the study area as a unit of the
 19 National Park System in accordance with section 8(c)
 20 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)).

21 (2) *ADMINISTRATION.*—In conducting the study,
 22 the Secretary shall—

23 (A) *consult with interested Federal, State,*
 24 *tribal, and local officials, representatives of orga-*
 25 *nizations, and members of the public;*

1 (B) evaluate, in coordination with the Sec-
2 retary of Energy, the compatibility of desig-
3 nating 1 or more sites within the study area as
4 a unit of the National Park System with main-
5 taining the security, productivity, and manage-
6 ment goals of the Department of Energy and
7 public health and safety; and

8 (C) consider research in existence on the
9 date of enactment of this Act by the Department
10 of Energy on the historical significance and fea-
11 sibility of preserving and interpreting the var-
12 ious sites and structures in the study area.

13 (b) *REPORT.*—Not later than 2 years after the date
14 on which funds are made available to carry out the study,
15 the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that de-
16 scribes the findings of the study and the conclusions and
17 recommendations of the Secretary.

18 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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20 are necessary to carry out this Act.

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